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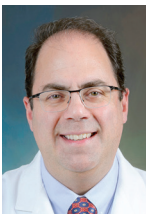
HEALTH | NEW DEPARTMENT

UTMB launches new institute to advance cardiovascular care

By SAGE SCOTT  
The Daily News  
» GALVESTON

The University of Texas Medical Branch announced Wednesday a new institute and department for cardiovascular health that will provide same-day care to walk-in patients with or without a referral.

The new Sealy Heart and Vascular Institute will house a



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Department of Cardiovascular Medicine and aims to treat heart health more quickly and provide preventative care before heart issues lead to additional health problems,

officials said.  
The institute and department

will be funded by a \$30 million grant from Sealy & Smith Foundation and \$15 million from the medical branch.

Dr. Hani Jneid, a medical branch cardiologist who will be the director of the institute and chair the department, said the new institutions likely will save lives.

“The same risk factors that cause cardiovascular disease can cause a myriad of other problems

including dementia and accelerated aging,” Jneid said. “So, by investing in cardiovascular operations and cardiovascular medicine, you’re really tackling the number one cause of mortality.”

The institute will house new and expanded fellowship programs, some of which will educate doctors for more specific cardiac scenarios such as geriatric cardiology.

It also will educate the general

public about its research through community events and health fairs, Jneid said.

One such research project will measure cardiovascular health in up to 10,000 people on the island over the course of more than a decade beginning in September, Jneid said.

The Galveston Heart Study

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GALVESTON LIFE | SPLASHING WITH SANDY



JENNIFER REYNOLDS/The Daily News

Christian Jackson, with his dog, Sandy, close behind, skimboards along the beach near 14th Street in Galveston on Wednesday. With calm conditions and no waves for surfing, Jackson grabbed his skimboard to get in a bit of exercise before dinner.

GOVERNMENT | REDISTRICTING FIGHT

Texas House approves redrawn maps sought by Trump ahead of 2026 elections

By JIM VERTUNO  
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Associated Press  
» AUSTIN

The Texas House on Wednesday approved redrawn congressional maps that would give Republicans a bigger edge in 2026, muscling through a partisan gerrymander that launched weeks of protests by Democrats and a widening national battle over redistricting.

The approval came at the urging of President Donald Trump, who pushed for the extraordinary mid-decade revision of congressional maps to give his party a better chance at holding onto the

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ERIC GAY/AP

U.S. Congressman Joaquin Castro, right, speaks to protesters gather in the rotunda outside the House Chamber at the Texas Capitol as lawmakers debate a redrawn U.S. congressional map in Texas during a special session, Wednesday, in Austin.

GOVERNMENT | MEETING AGENDAS

Commission approves final reading of agenda rules

By LAUREN FRICK  
The Daily News  
» TEXAS CITY

The city commission on Wednesday night approved the third and final reading of an ordinance that establishes a pathway for elected officials to propose items for meeting agendas.

Commissioners voted 4-3 in favor of approving the ordinance that details commission rules of procedure and order of business,

establishing the requirement of two commissioners to submit an item for an agenda, which is subject to approval by the mayor.

Commissioners Keith Love, Chris Sharp and Abel Garza Jr. voted against the measure.

Voting lines remained rigid over the course of the ordinances’ three readings — each ending in the same 4-3 result.

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THIS WEEKEND

Owners of the beleaguered and blighted Antigua Apartments in Galveston have given tenants a deadline to move out. Read about that and more in Laura Elder’s Biz Buzz.



LAW ENFORCEMENT | K-9 UNIT

La Marque police dogs get tactical vests thanks to donors

By SAGE SCOTT  
The Daily News  
» LA MARQUE

Two dogs in the police department’s K-9 unit — Charley and Karma — were suited up for the first time Tuesday in tactical vests with their embroidered names.

The La Marque Citizens’ Police Academy Alumni Association

donated the two vests, which cost \$400 each, with personal donations and fundraising money, Katherine Herrin-Keith, president of the association, said.

The department now has four members in its K-9 unit, Herrin-Keith said.

Police dogs typically are trained to use their keen sense of

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